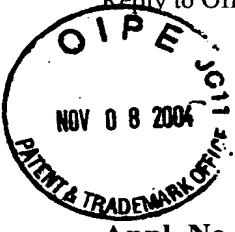


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Sir:

The three month response period for responding to the Office action of July 9, 2004, expired on October 9, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from October 9, 2004 through November 9, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

This paper is provided in response to the Office action of July 9, 2004, paper no. 15, and the advisory action sent on October 22, 2004:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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